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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Health

Standards for Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure

(Underground Coal Mines)

[OMB Control No. 1219-0124]

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This program helps to assure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments on the

information collection for Health Standards for Diesel
Particulate Matter Exposure (Underground Coal Mines)

DATES: All comments must be received on or before [INSERT
DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL
REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning the information collection
requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the
methods listed below.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:*
*<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line
instructions for submitting comments for docket
number MSHA-2016-0031.*
- *Regular Mail: Send comments to USDOL-MSHA, Office
of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th
Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-
5452.*
- *Hand Delivery: USDOL-Mine Safety and Health
Administration, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401,
Arlington, VA 22202-5452. Sign in at the
receptionist's desk on the 4th floor via the East
elevator.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila McConnell,
Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances,

MSHA, at MSHA.information.collections@dol.gov (e-mail);
202-693-9440 (voice); or 202-693-9441 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 103(h) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act), 30 U.S.C. 813(h), authorizes the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to collect information necessary to carry out its duty in protecting the safety and health of miners. Further, Section 101(a) of the Mine Act, 30 U.S.C. 811 authorizes the Secretary to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal or other mines.

MSHA established standards and regulations for diesel-powered equipment in underground coal mines that provide additional important protection for coal miners who work on and around diesel-powered equipment. The standards were designed to reduce the risks to underground coal miners of serious health hazards that are associated with exposure to high concentrations of diesel particulate matter. The standards contain information collection requirements for underground coal mine operators in sections 72.510(a) & (b), and 72.520(a) & (b).

Section 72.510(a) requires underground coal mine operators to provide annual training to all miners who may be exposed to diesel emissions. The training must include health risks associated with exposure to diesel particulate matter; methods used in the mine to control diesel particulate concentrations; identification of the personnel responsible for maintaining those controls; and actions miners must take to ensure controls operate as intended.

Section 72.510(b) requires underground coal mine operators to keep a record of the training for one year.

Section 72.520(a) and (b) requires underground coal mine operators to maintain an inventory of diesel powered equipment units together with a list of information about any unit's emission control or filtration system. The list must be updated within 7 calendar days of any change.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

MSHA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection related to Health Standards for Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure (Underground Coal Mines). MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions

of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Suggest methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The information collection request will be available on <http://www.regulations.gov>. MSHA cautions the commenter against providing any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed. Full comments, including personal information provided, will be made available on www.regulations.gov and www.reginfo.gov.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at USDOL-Mine Safety and Health Administration, 201 12th South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, VA 22202-5452.

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Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice.

III. Current Actions

This request for collection of information contains provisions for Health Standards for Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure (Underground Coal Mines). MSHA has updated the data with respect to the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and burden costs supporting this information collection request.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration

OMB Number: 1219-0124

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit

Number of Respondents: 220

Frequency: On occasion

Number of Responses: 74,282

Annual Burden Hours: 936 hours

Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost: \$13

MSHA Forms: None

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Sheila McConnell
Certifying Officer

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